IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

WRIT PETITION NO : 21228 of 2006

DATED: 13.10.2006

Between:

Budala Rajamma PETITIONER

And

The Chief General Manager,
APSPDCL,
Tirupati, Chittoor and others Respondents

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ORAL ORDER:

The present writ petition is filed questioning the action of he respondents in not paying the retrial benefits of the husband of the petitioner.

The brief facts, which lead to filing of the present writ petition are as under.

The petitioner herein is second wife of one Budala Ruben, who died on 15.12.2001 while working as Line Inspector under the control of 4th respondent. After the death of her husband, the petitioner submitted representations for release of terminal benefits of her deceased husband. A suit in O.S. No. 714 of 2004 was filed on the file of the Principal Junior Civil Judge, Tenali by son of first wife viz., Budala Vikranth (being minor represented by his maternal uncle) against the petitioner questioning the family members certificate, no objection certificate and no earning certificate issued by the Mandal Revenue Officer. The petitioner herein also filed a suit against the children through first wife of her husband. The matter was referred to Lok Adalat vide L.A.C. No. 113 of 2003 and the same was settled amicably and an award under Section 21 of the Legal Services Authorities Act was passed on 9.11.2003. It is also stated that in terms of the settlement, the suit in O.S No. 714 of 2004 was also withdrawn. After settlement of family disputes through Lok Adalath award, the

petitioner submitted a representation on 1.4.2006 to the 3rd respondent to release the family pension, gratuity and other service benefits of her deceased husband Budala Ruben, followed by representation dated 4.4.2006. No action is stated to have been taken on the said representations of the petitioner. Hence, the present writ petition.

Heard the learned counsel for petitioner and learned Standing Counsel for respondent company. Both counsel agreed for disposal of the writ petition at the admission stage with a direction to the respondent to dispose of the pending representations of the petitioner expeditiously.

In the present writ petition the petitioner seeks a direction to the respondents to settle the retirement benefits of her husband in terms of the award of the Lok Adalath 9.11.2003 and representations filed by her on 1.4.2006 and 4.4.2006 are pending with the third respondent. Hence, without going into the merits of the matter, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition directing the third respondent-Divisional Engineer (Operation) to consider the representations of the petitioner dated 1.4.2006 and 4.4.2006 and pass appropriate orders in the light of the award of the Lok Adalath dated 9.11.2003 and in accordance with law, expeditiously.

Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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